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## Connecticut State Police Re-Accredited by CALEA

Commissioner Leonard C. Boyle announced today that the Connecticut State Police has received formal re-accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The formal awarding of this certification was made at the 2004 CALEA Conference held in Buffalo, New York.

The Law Enforcement Accreditation Program was created in 1979 by a combined effort of The International Association of Chiefs of Police, The National Sheriff's Association, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Agencies and the Police Executive Research Forum. The organization was called CALEA, and its purpose was to create a higher level of professionalism in law enforcement through a series of established standards that would be utilized on an international basis.

The Connecticut State Police became involved in the accreditation process in 1985 and was officially accredited in 1988 and has remained accredited ever since, having been reevaluated in 1993, 1998, and 2001 when the five-year accreditation assessment period changed to every three years. This agency was most recently re-accredited in this current year, 2004.

The Connecticut State Police was the second law-enforcement agency in Connecticut, and the third State Police agency in the country, to receive CALEA Accreditation. There are close to 500 accredited law-enforcement agencies in the United States, Canada and Barbados. The Connecticut State Police remain one of the larger accredited agencies.

Accreditation insures that the policies and procedures of an accredited agency are in compliance with the same policies as over 450 law-enforcement agencies throughout North America. It also demonstrates to citizens that the accredited agency has passed a stringent set of standards to obtain accredited status. This goal is very difficult to achieve. It assures citizens that their law-enforcement agency maintains the most up-to-date policies and procedures and that the Agency is committed to providing the highest quality and utmost professional service available. This is accomplished through extensive reviews of documents including reports and records, as well as interviewing Troopers and civilian employees. The CALEA team of assessors which is comprised of police managers and professionals from across the United States, conducts on site visits to the Connecticut State Police barracks and examines, first hand, Troop operations and compliance of CALEA standards. During this 2004 evaluation, the team spent one week in Connecticut reviewing all facets of Connecticut State Police operations including, but not limited to, procedures used, daily operations, the current policy manual in place and the management of this agency.

The accreditation process is voluntary, wherein through involvement and compliance with CALEA standards, the Connecticut State Police is able to maintain a professional reputation as one of the most respected and professional law enforcement agencies throughout North America.

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